# February 2019 Newsletter

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# Middletown Township Historical Society: February Happenings

This newsletter is meant to keep you updated on the latest events and news of the Middletown Township Historical Society. Also, be sure to follow us on Facebook or Twitter for even timelier news and for historical items of interest.

# Show & Tell Night Monday, February 18 7:00 pm MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY AMERICAN AMERICAN SOCIETY AMERICAN AMERICAN SOCIETY MONDAM AMERICAN SOCIETY AMERICAN SOCIETY AMERICAN SOCIETY AMERICAN SOCIETY AMERICAN SOCIETY MONDAM MONDAM AMERICAN SOCIETY MONDAM MONDAM AMERICAN SOCIETY MONDAM MONDA

# Show & Tell Night - February 18, 2019

Our 2019 events begin this month on Monday, February 18! This is an informal gathering where we bring in items that are of historical or local interest and share stories about them. Items such as postcards, old correspondence, books, and more have been presented and discussed in the past. Don't have

anything to bring? We invite you to come to listen to or participate in the discussion!

All events will begin at 7:00 pm at the Poricy Park Nature Center at 345 Oak Hill Road, Red Bank, NJ 07701.

# Your Membership Matters

# Support Us in 2019!



# Please Renew or Begin your Membership Today!

Thank you to all those who have already contributed for 2019! If you have not yet renewed or signed up for membership in our Society, now is the time! In order to keep our Society going, we do need your support. The Middletown Township Historical Society is independent of the township and is completely reliant upon membership dues, as we typically receive no other funding. Our funds go towards securing speakers for our events and for administrative fees. We'd also like to undertake new initiatives that could expand our reach, but without proper funding, this will be difficult to achieve.

### We now offer a few ways you can renew or start your membership:

- Contribute online and pay via credit or debit card. This is the quickest and easiest way!
- Print out the membership form and mail to us. If you were a member in 2018, you were mailed a form in mid-January that you can mail back to us.
- Bring us your contribution in person at an upcoming MTHS event (first one will be February 18).

We appreciate you renewing or becoming a member as promptly as you can, and if you would like to be able to vote in our Annual Election to be held in March, we will need to complete processing by the beginning of that month.

Thank you for your interest in Middletown's history, and for your ongoing support.

# Artifact Donations Welcomed

MTHS would like to know about any items relating to Middletown's past that you would like to donate. Before you throw or pack it away, please let us know about it, as we might like to add it to our collection! Gratefully accepted recent donations have included school yearbooks, maps, and photographs. Contact us here.



# **Upcoming Events**

2019 is shaping up to have a great slate of events! All events are free and are held on the third Monday of the month, February through November. Here is what has been confirmed so far so you can reserve the dates:

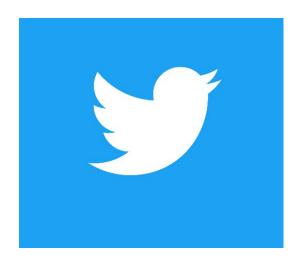
February 18: Show & Tell Night

**March 18:** "Mary Wooster Sutton – First Woman to Practice Law in Monmouth County" presented by Randall Gabrielan, plus MTHS Annual Meeting & Election

**April 15:** "The Top Ten Middletown World-Class Athletes" presented by Mark Stewart

**May 20:** "New Jersey Originals: Technical Marvels, Odd Inventions, Trailblazing Characters, and More" presented by Linda J. Barth

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## on Twitter

Unless you follow us on Facebook, you may be missing out on our announcements and other items of historical interest! For those who prefer to use Twitter, we are now pushing our Facebook feed into our new Twitter account at <a href="MiddletownHist">MiddletownHist</a>.

# Would You Like to Help?

Your local historical society could use your ideas and talents! If you have an interest in fundraising, communications, or in growing our membership, <u>please</u> <u>let us know</u> your ideas or your willingness to become involved. Our volunteer trustees would like to work with you to strengthen and expand our organization!

### **Thanks to Our Hosts**

We continue to be thankful to the Poricy Park Conservancy and to Middletown Recreation for allowing us to use the Nature Center for our monthly events. Please visit their websites for info about their upcoming events.







### **Trivia Time**

This Month's Question:

For the upcoming baseball spring training season- what is the Middletown tie of George "Snuffy" Stirnweiss? What record of dubious distinction does he hold, and how did he die?

Answer will be supplied in next month's newsletter!

Answer to Last Month's Question:
What were the first three railroads to serve
Middletown? The Raritan and Delaware Bay at
Port Monmouth in 1860, the Seashore and Long
Branch at Sandy Hook in 1865, and the New York
and Long Branch at Middletown Village in 1875
(the present line).

Thanks for reading! The Middletown Township Historical Society will be in touch again soon! If you know others who would be interested in receiving communications from us, please forward this email and ask them to join this list!





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